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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 SAMI AMIN, et al.,
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13 Plaintiffs,

No. C 06-7483 PJH

14 v.
15 COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, et al.,

**ORDER DENYING MOTION TO
CONSOLIDATE; ORDER RELATING
CASES**

16 Defendants.

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17 Before the court is the motion of defendants City of Redwood City, Victor Artiga, and
18 David Cirina to consolidate the above-entitled action with Amin v. City of Redwood City,
19 C-06-7607 SBA. The Redwood City defendants have also filed a motion seeking leave to
20 file a motion for reconsideration of the court's previous order finding the two cases not
21 related within the meaning of Civil Local Rule 3-12.

22 Based on the arguments made by the Redwood City defendants and by the plaintiffs
23 in the motion to consolidate, the court has sua sponte determined to reconsider its decision
24 not to relate the two cases. Accordingly, the court finds that the two cases – although
25 separate – are related and should both be assigned to the undersigned judge. As with any
26 related cases, the court anticipates that the parties will coordinate pretrial discovery and
27 other matters to the extent possible.

28 The motion to consolidate is DENIED. However, while plaintiffs argued persuasively

1 regarding the potential for prejudice if the cases are tried together, the court may be willing
2 to again consider whether the cases should be tried in a consolidated fashion after a
3 decision on any motions for summary judgment filed in the two cases.

4 The date for the hearing on the motion to consolidate, and the hearing on the motion
5 for leave to file a motion for reconsideration, previously set for April 18, 2007, is VACATED.

6 The date for the initial case management conference, previously set for May 23,
7 2007, is also VACATED. A new case management conference date will be scheduled for
8 both cases after the court has decided the motion to dismiss filed by the County of San
9 Mateo defendants in this action, the hearing on which has been noticed for May 23, 2007.

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11 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

12 Dated: April 11, 2007



13 PHYLLIS J. HAMILTON
14 United States District Judge

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